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MONEY RAISED TO BUILD NEW LINE OF WESTERN PACIFIC

Boise Man Who Has Recently Returned From the East Says Winnemucca Line Will be Built.

CONNECT WITH NORTH IDAHO

Proposed Line Will Cross Snake River at Weiser and Come Through Ontario and Malheur County.

The money for building the Boise-Winnemucca branch of the Western Pacific is ready and it only remains for the directors of the system to decide what action they will take in the matter. The business men of Boise have offered a handsome bonus for the construction of the road and the Idaho state legislature has introduced a resolution to appoint a committee to make an investigation of the route. Everything is favorable to the undertaking and it means a great saving of time and money if a north and south road should be constructed.

The Hill lines own the Pacific and Idaho Northern road that extends from Weiser to Meadows, from there north is a water grade down the Salmon river to Grangeville, from which place there are railroad connections to all points in northern Idaho. From Weiser the proposed road will cross the river and extend south through Winnemucca opening up to settlement a large tract of undeveloped country. A branch line will connect the road with Boise. So far this seems to be the idea of construction.

Such a road will mean much to Idaho, southeastern Oregon and also Nevada. Direct connection with northern Idaho, Washington and Montana will open up a new business district and give this inland empire a chance to ship directly to points on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways. Much of the products of this region will find a market there and vice versa. The problem of markets is a problem of distribution and these facilities will be provided by the proposed road.

Also the traveling facilities will be more expedient than heretofore. Take for instance the members of the legislature of northern Idaho. To reach Boise they must travel through Washington and Oregon taking up more than twice the necessary time and money. To the traveling public the Yellowstone National Park with all the surrounding country will be brought within easy reach and the northern part of the district will find a new route to Utah, Colorado and California through this great inland empire.

B. F. Bush president of the Western Pacific has promised to send the report of the directors a decision to the business men of Boise as soon as he receives it and when that arrives the people of this district will know just what is going to be done.

APPRECIATES STAND OF THE ARGUS

E. J. Patch of Dead Ox Flat is Enthusiastic Over the Prospects.

Appreciation of the attitude of the Argus in making a plea for harmony in the interest of the Warm Springs project, comes in a letter from E. J. Patch, of Dead Ox Flat. The letter follows:

Weiser, Jan. 18, 1915.

Editor Ontario Argus.

Dear Sir:—I wish to commend you on your editorial page in the issue of the 14th inst.

I have been pleased to note that the men of Ontario, both individually and

LOCAL POWER CO. HAS BEEN SOLD

Institution Passes Under the Control of a New Company.

At a price of two million five thousand dollars the property of the Idaho-Oregon Light and Power Company was sold Monday to the Electric Investment Company, a Delaware concern organized for the purpose of purchasing the plant. It is controlled by the group known as the minority bond holders, later as the Priest committee, now the holders of the majority of the bonds of the Idaho-Oregon Company.

An interesting story of big business methods is involved in this deal. The old company defaulted on the interest in order that foreclosure proceedings might be instituted and the property revert to a New York syndicate so as to freeze out the bond holders. In this way all the power lines of the state were to be secured and a trust formed so that prices could be raised so as to bring in big dividends. But the bondholders to protect themselves formed the company that purchased the property. The property was sold at public auction from the steps of the court house. Only two bidders were present among fifty onlookers.

The new company intends to complete the Ox Bow plant to its full capacity of 30,000 horse power as soon as practicable and enlarge the field of operations as the demands warrant. Low rates and good service is to be the aim and desire of the company.

PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS PASS EXAMINATIONS

The following people were successful in passing the recent Teachers' Examinations: Elare Glover, Jordan Valley; Robt. I. Carlton, Rockville; Grace Daley, Watson; Sadye Prewitt, Vale; Betsy Taylor, Ontario; Merryellen Hon, Nyssa; Opal Crouch, Bonita; Virginia Forbes, Brogan; Glenn M. Darnell, Parma; Mrs. Alice Robinson, Vale; Nona Austin, Ontario; Amy Odell, Ontario; Hazel Mulkey, Vale; Edna Von Readen, Ontario; Margaret Cupp, Weiser; Matye Seitz, Westfall; L. L. Jillson, Weiser; Rhoda Sasser, Vale; Nellie B. Weir, Weiser; Katie Cahill, Payette; F. G. Clemo, Ontario; Earl B. Nedry, Ontario; Lucy Barnette Fox, Ontario; Francis Wymoth Curry, Ontario; Mabel Orcutt, Westfall; and Elmer Hartley, Crowley.

FAY CLARK,
Co. School Supt.

through organization, are working for the success of the Warm Springs irrigation project, and I only take issue with your statement that Ontario will not be directly benefitted through completion of said project. I wish to say that in my estimation every town and every individual producer, in whatever part of Snake river valley they may be located, is directly interested in any legitimate project, enterprise, vocation or business that will add to our resident population. Why can we not develop the community spirit, the spirit of co-operation that is being shown by the citizens of Ontario, and extend it to include every working organization in Snake river watershed, with the slogan Navigable River to the Ocean, with every lock a power plant.

Let us boost for Snake river valley from the summit of the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific ocean. (I know some of our old maps have Snake river emptying into the Columbia) and I firmly believe by a united and persistent effort we can solve the transportation problem, the power problem, the problem of irrigation of vast tracts of land out of reach of gravity systems, and add millions to our population in the next ten years.

Yours for Snake River Valley.

E. J. PATCH.

ONTARIO MAY GET INTERURBAN AUTO SERVICE SOON

California Man Proposes a Service of "Jitney Cars" to Connect Ontario With New Plymouth.

A regular interurban auto service between Ontario and Emmett, including way points, will be established in the near future, according to advice received from Boise today, where a deal is under way for the purchase of the automobiles. A California man is said to be the promoter of the scheme, and has been here and thoroughly looked over the ground with this object in view. The service will include the towns of Fruitland, New Plymouth, Finks Store, ending at Emmett at one end of the line, and at Ontario at the other end.

It is said two seven passenger touring cars will be used. The distance between Ontario and Emmett is about thirty miles, and a complete round trip will be made each day by each machine, one machine leaving Ontario and one leaving Emmett each morning. It is proposed to establish a rate of \$3.00 for the round trip to Emmett; \$1.50 for the round trip from here to New Plymouth, and probably a dollar for the round trip to Fruitland.

In addition to the passenger service, it is said arrangements will be made for hauling of light freight such as farm produce, so that farmers living in the territory served, may send their produce to town without having to make the trip themselves. It is said the service will be established in the very near future.

Bee Inspector Appointed.

In the matter of appointing the bee inspector the County Court has made no mistake in the choice of Howard Mallett. Howard is a wide awake bee-man and has studied the business from all sides. He intends to raise the standard of bee-keeping in this county and will work at the job faithfully.

MALHEUR COUNTY POMONA GRANGE HOLDS MEETING

Corn Industry is Topic for Main Discussion-- Other Matters of Importance to the Association Are Taken Up.

A car of corn shipped into the county means several hundred dollars shipped out. This point was emphasized in the report of the Corn committee at the meeting of the Malheur County Pomona Grange held Saturday at the Boulevard Grange hall, when all of the members were urged to prepare for the Corn Growing contest which will be held again the coming year. Nor is this simply a plea to patronize home industries, it being brought out that the sheepmen who have tried the home produced corn declare it better than that shipped in from the old corn districts. Particularly is this the case for the sheepmen who wish to have corn for feed on the desert, they preferring to have the corn ground or crushed with the cob, a process which the freight rates from the corn belt makes impracticable. Moreover, in this dry climate there is no danger of getting musty corn, a fault found with so many cars of corn received from the sections in the rain-belt. There is, then, only one thing against the home grown product, there is not enough of it, and that can easily be remedied.

Corn, Corn, that will be the slogan of the grange until this section has been thoroughly tried out for that, the greatest of crops. One hundred and twenty-one bushels of corn to the acre is the record now. What will it be when this section has a thoroughly acclimated and developed seed and the management has been carefully worked out by the practical farmers of the section?

"Beating the Telephone Trust," was the topic of A. P. Davis, of Union county, who explained in some detail how the farmers and merchants of his county had solved the telephone problem by uniting and building a telephone line of their own. The line is a success in every way, and while the Public Utilities commission compels them to charge twelve dollars a year they pay themselves back six, and still have a sufficient amount left to provide for any depreciation in the plant.

The gopher committee reported that an effort is being made to have a bill passed at the present session of the legislature making it possible to organize districts for the control of the pest.

In the discussion of "The Local Effects of the New Banking Law," Mr.

ONTARIO SCHOOLS ADD 15 NEW PUPILS THIS WEEK

Total Enrollment is Now 618 Which is Nearly 100 More Than Was Ever Known Here Before.

Eighteen new pupils were enrolled in the schools Monday; this brings the total enrollment up to 618, pretty nearly a hundred more than has ever been upon the registers before, and suggests a daily average attendance the coming semester of right around 500. And they are a pleasant, good working, rosy cheeked bunch; one that it gives one an inspiration of the right kind to look at. It would drive dull care away from a good many mothers were they to come over once in a while and inspect them; yes, and it would not make the fathers feel any worse for the time necessary in taking the trip.

We are not figuring on preaching a sermon, but if you read one in this, we trust you will take just a little heed of it. Last month there were 152 cases of tardiness. And the fathers and mothers were to blame for it. The children were not punished; it would not have been right. But you parents are setting a mighty bad example which is dangerous to the future usefulness of the child.

Basketball still holds its place as an exciting drawing card. Perhaps the best game of the season, at least the most exciting one was that pulled off between the Oregon Club and High school last Thursday evening, January 14, before a good sized crowd of excited adherents for both sides.

The O. H. S. team was defeated by a score of 20-24. In the first half of the game the Oregon Club boys team work became somewhat broken up, while the High School boys, although on the short end of the score, in the final count, played a consistent game from start to finish.

Following is the line-up: High School Team Oregon Club Team Lee Mattux Center McPherson Earl Weaver Guard Clemo Ernest Gramse Guard Clint Trow Husted Forward Chet Lackey Alfred Holland Forward Strane Art Holland Sub Koupal We are now members of the Idaho League, with the first game the coming Friday night.

WELL KNOWN MAN CROSSES GREAT DIVIDE

Wm. Vogel Passes Away at Hospital After Two Weeks' Illness.

Wm. Vogel died at the hospital Sunday evening Jan. 17, after a two weeks attack of pneumonia. He was born in Germany in 1860 and his parents came to this country when he was three years old. Last fall he and his wife moved to Ontario. He was converted and joined the Nazarene church at the beginning of the revival in that church in the early part of the winter.

He was a carpenter by trade and superintended the building of the tabernacle. He leaves a wife and many friends who mourn the loss of an earnest, sincere Christian to this community. The funeral services were held at the tabernacle Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. Rev. O. M. Osborn of the Nazarene church at Fruitland preached the sermon.

CIRCUIT COURT ENDS BUSY SESSION

Many Cases Disposed of at Session of Court—Sentences Imposed Today.

The circuit court completed its work, Wednesday after a busy week. The following is a resume of the work.

C. H. Spencer was found guilty of the charge of living in a house of ill fame. The penalty for this offence is from two to fifteen years in the state penitentiary. C. H. Granholm was found not guilty of the same charge.

Edith Smith, Myrtle Smith, and Edith Johnson were tried for the charge of keeping a bawdy house. Edith Smith was found guilty. The others were acquitted. Edith Smith and Sam Wert, also Edith Johnson and Myrtle Smith were tried for selling liquor without a license. Cases were dismissed.

The case of Charles Hamblet and Stella Wilson was continued on motion of the district attorney.

Walter Meldrum was found guilty of larceny in the Owl Cigar Store, Ontario. The penalty is a term in the state prison. Frank Lucy was found guilty of petty larceny in the Golden Rule Store at Ontario and will serve a jail sentence.

A special venire was necessitated to try the case of the state versus Wheeler. Wheeler was charged with stealing two geldings from the livery stable at Vale. Oscar Virgil Brown, commonly known as Happy-Jack was tried on the same charge last fall and was acquitted. Wheeler broke jail at that time but was recaptured. The jury also returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Wheeler.

The special venire from Ontario consisted of A. Jaquish, H. H. Waggoner, John Dies, Charles Carter, J. H. Farley, H. C. Whitworth, Amos Johnson, W. F. Doan, D. P. Dearborn, Frank Rader, Chas. Emison, E. A. Fraser, T. H. Moore, W. J. Pinney, J. P. Kidd, Harry Farmer, Frank Welch, W. W. Letson, Wm. Mink, and John Martin.

The grand jury for the April term was selected Wednesday.

The court will pass sentence on all the convicted parties today.

A. L. Cockrum explained how the new banking law safeguards the entire country, forming reserves that will serve as reservoirs, absolutely preventing the recurrence of stringencies and panics at times when great amounts of money are required to move the crops, and yet the new law offers no opportunity for inflation. This, according to Mr. Cockrum, is the best piece of legislation for the country passed in many years.

From an agricultural point of view Mr. A. G. Kingman's address on "The Lessons From the Corn Growing Contest," proved one of the finest messages delivered to this section in a long time. Mr. Kingman skillfully analyzed the results, both from an economic and from an agricultural standpoint, and prophetically looked into the future and showed what a few years of successful corn growing would mean to this section, making for prosperity and stability.

COYOTE IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN INDIAN OF OLD

Dr. J. S. Saurman of State Board of Health Makes Startling Disclosures on His Visit to Ontario.

RABIES MENACE TO LIFE

Arrangements Are Made for Administering Pasteur Treatment by Physicians of Ontario.

Declaring that the coyote is a greater menace to life and property of the present generation, than the Indians were in pioneer days, Dr. J. S. Saurman of the State Board of Health, with offices at Portland, voiced a strong appeal to local people, asking that strict measures be adopted to protect human life from the danger of rabies, which he declares to be prevalent throughout all the Northwest states. Dr. Saurman was in Ontario last Friday, being on his way home after a trip to Burns, Vale and other interior points.

Dr. Saurman found much evidence of rabies in Harney county, and predicts that the menace will spread rapidly unless stringent measures are adopted by the authorities in an effort to check it. In speaking of rabies, the treatment and cure, Dr. Saurman said:

"There is absolutely no treatment for rabies, except the pasteur treatment. Prevalent superstitions and so-called home treatments are of absolutely no account. For instance, many people believe in a "mad stone" and think it will effect a cure. Not all persons who are bitten by a mad dog develop rabies, and it is on account of this that these so-called treatments have gained recognition. But there is no real treatment for rabies, except the pasteur treatment. This treatment entails a series of hypodermic injections lasting for twenty-one days. The treatment causes no ill effects, and a man may continue his daily work while under treatment, without hindrance. It takes about five minutes to give a treatment.

"However, it is necessary that this treatment, in order to be effective, must be commenced within two or three days after the person is bitten, and before there is any sign of rabies. Once a person gets rabies, there is positively no cure. This treatment may be secured at the Portland office of the State Board of Health free of charge, and arrangements are being made whereby it can be secured locally. City Health Officer Whitney will receive the serum, and any practicing physician can administer it. The ordinary charge for the complete series of treatments is \$150.00.

"There are two kinds of rabies, the furious rabies, and the dumb rabies. In the former, any animal affected becomes furious and fights and bites everything that comes in its way. With the dumb rabies, the animal acts as if it was sick, and like it had a bone caught in its throat. Many people have been infected by attempting to run their hand down the animal's throat in an effort to find a bone.

"In the present emergency, I would advise that every dog in the country be muzzled. The dog is the real menace to human life, and the coyotes are the menace to dogs and other animals. Enough care cannot be exercised in protecting life and property from this menace."